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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

REF: STATE 199635; AMBASSADOR-SHLAUDEMAN TELCON

1. IN VIEW INABILITY SEE PRESIDENT VELASCO FOR SOME TIME, AMBASSADOR SHOULD INITIALLY SEE FONMIN DE LA FLOR INSTEAD ON BRANIFF PROBLEM. IN LIEU, HOWEVER, PROPOSING SEPT 30 DATE AS PER REFTTEL, WE RECOMMEND FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVE STRATEGY RE DATES:

A. FIRST PROPOSE CONSULTATIONS BEGIN IN LIMA ON SEPT 25. USEL NOW FINDS IT COULD ARRIVE EARLY THAT MORNING, BUT NOT EARLIER IN WEEK DUE TO NECESSITY CAB MEMBER PARTICIPATE IN BOARD PROCEEDINGS ON 23RD AND 24TH. THIS PROPOSAL MAY HAVE SOME TACTICAL ADVANTAGE IN UPSETTING PLANS HOLD BRANIFF HEARING ON SAME DAY.

B. IF SEPT 25 NOT ACCEPTABLE TO GOP, AMBASSADOR COULD THEN PROPOSE SEPT 30 ON UNDERSTANDING HEARING WILL BE POSTPONED OR NO ACTION TAKEN UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS.

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2. IT WOULD NOT SEEM DESIRABLE FIRST TO PROPOSE SEPT 30, RUN RISK PERU WILL NOT AGREE DEFER HEARING OR FINAL ACTION AND THEN GIVE APPEARANCE OF US PANIC BY FALLING BACK TO SEPT 25 DATE.

3. AMBASSADOR BERCKEMEYER HAS ASKED SEE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BOWDLER ON 13TH RE ARMS. WITHOUT LINKING TWO, BOWDLER WILL SAY US VERY CONCERNED RE BRANIFF QUESTION, MATTER BEING BROUGHT TO SECRETARY'S ATTENTION AND URGING POSTPONEMENT BRANIFF HEARING OR ACTION THEREON UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS. SPECIFIC DATES WILL NOT BE MENTIONED. WE WILL REPORT AFTER CONVERSATION TAKES PLACE.

4. WE HAVE HEARD THAT DE LA FLOR MAY ALREADY HAVE LEFT PERU. IF SO, SUGGEST AMBASSADOR CALL ON OTHER APPROPRIATE SENIOR OFFICIAL IMMEDIATELY, AND CONTINUE ATTEMPT SEE PRESIDENT ASAP. KISSINGER

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